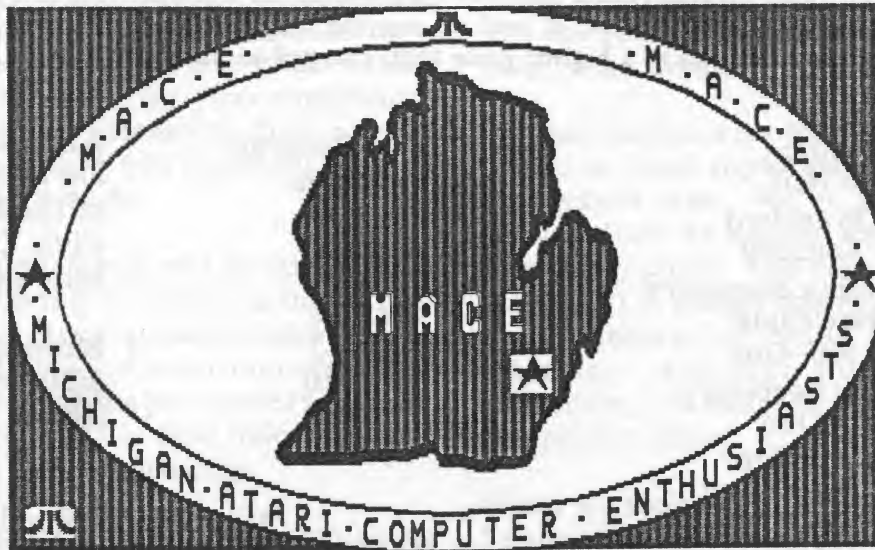


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Amendment to the MACE Constitution to be voted on at the July 19th meeting.

It has been proposed that Section D be changed to read "The 8bit disk librarian shall be responsible for maintaining the public domain 8bit disk library and related documentation, as well as, copying and distributing library disks. He/She may sell these disks to non-members at a higher price than charged to members," and "The 16bit disk librarian shall be responsible for maintaining the public domain 16bit disk library and related documentation, as well as, copying and distributing library disks. He/She may sell these disks to non-members at a higher price than charged to members."

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Level: ☐ No Experience ☐ Little Experience ☐ Average ☐ Above Avg ☐ Expert

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From the MACE President -- The State of MACE By Don Neff

The present group of MACE officers has been running the club for nine months now. We've achieved several of our goals during this time and are open for your suggestions of new goals for our remaining three months in office. This article will highlight some of the changes we've made.

One of our achievements was to immediately eliminate the boring business portion of our meetings. This freed up more time for the subject of interest -- Atari Computers. Of course, business of major concerns (MAM, Library prices, etc.) is still discussed and voted on at the general meetings.

Many members expressed concern to us about our BBS status in 1987. The officers have since revived MACE East (313) 978-8516 at 300/1200 baud in response to your concerns. We've also upgraded MACE WeST (313)582-0657 to 1meg, went to 2400 baud, added a hefty power surge protector and also added a double-sided drive to back up the hard drive.

We've helped sponsor the DownRiver Outpost (313) 675-4660 for our downriver members. The three SysOps of these boards have done a lot of work for your telecommunications pleasure. Send them a thank you message next time you're on one of the MACE boards.

Probably the most noticeable and controversial change was the movement from producing our independent MACE Journal to joining several other clubs in the Michigan Atari Magazine (MAM). I have been both damned and praised for this change. The argument against MACE being part of MAM is we've lost our independence and identity. I agree completely with those people who voice that opinion. However, as president, I have to overlook my opinion and face the sad fact that very few MACE members are writing anything. We would not have a journal at all today if not for MAM. If you

doubt that, look closely at these few pages you are reading right now. This is the best MACE can produce on its own today.

Our association with the other clubs in MAM brings us fresh input and ideas from outside the Detroit area. We've been reading some good articles by skilled Atari users/authors from other clubs. The club magazine (except this issue) is mailed to everyone early in the month instead of being picked up at the meetings. Although this costs the club a little more, the issues are more current when you receive them.

When we took over our officer positions last September, we were shocked to find that MACE's unpaid bills totalled almost as much as our bank account. That, combined with a quickly declining membership list, made us wonder if we would even have a club in 1988. I'm happy to report we've paid all our bills, have savings in the bank, and have added many new members and brought back old ones to our group. MACE is alive and healthy!

MACE Appreciates...

The following MACE members have received recognition for their valuable contributions to our club. The officers know this club couldn't survive without members willing to devote time and energy to MACE. Once again, Thank You!

Bernie Sherman
Gordon Totty
Allen Barger
Paul Wheeler
William Kane
Tom Sturza
Shari Middlebrook
Shawn Cassidy

June General Meeting Minutes

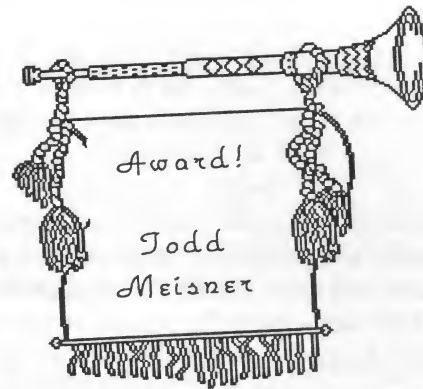
The June meeting of the Michigan Atari Computer Enthusiasts was called to order by Don Neff at 7:40 p.m. on June 21, 1988. Don said members who demonstrate programs from our libraries will receive a coupon good for any disk in that library. Don discussed Pattie's proposal to allow disk sales to non-members and reminded us there will be a vote to amend the Constitution at the July meeting.

Member Brian Wilmouth read a letter he wrote Jack Tramiel stating his opinion of Atari's lack of support of the 8bit systems. Then he read the reply he received from Diane Goralczyk, manager of Customer Relations at Atari. Brian's letter was critical of Atari's actions, and he was not thrilled to receive the reply since it seemed to belittle his concerns.

Don commented on the lack of pages and advertisers in latest Antic Magazine, and discussed Antic's survey included in the latest issue. Don made copies of the survey and said he would personally mail them back to Antic if they were completed and returned to him before the end of the meeting. (He received close to 30! Thanks MACE members!)

Don congratulated member Shawn Cassidy on winning the MACE Logo Contest and showed Shawn's artwork. Shawn won a \$50 gift certificate for his excellent work. The new logo will appear in the MACE Journal section of MAM. (You can also find it on the cover of this Journal.)

Member Bob Retelle discussed his recent trip to the Summer '88 Consumer Electronics Show in Chicago. Thirty-nine games from Atari have been re-released on cartridge and will soon be available in stores. These will be primarily aimed at the XEG game system. Atari announced Nolan Bushnell's company was working with Atari's Entertainment Division. (Old time Atari buffs should remember his name!) Bushnell will not be directly employed by Atari, rather he will "work closely" with them. (It's always a pleasure to get GOOD news from the upper ranks of Atari! Let's hope it's a sign of more to come. -Mike) Bob mentioned his despair that Atari only made a "games machine" showing at CES, but he holds higher hopes for a stronger showing at Comdex this fall in Las Vegas.



Don announced Todd Meisner as winner of the June MACE Appreciation Award. Todd has been a major supporter in the operation of the ST Sig. Thanks Todd!

Don noted officer elections are only three months away and suggested members should start considering possible candidacy. (All officer positions are wide-open, so please pick the one you'd like best. MACE needs you!)

Pattie told the crowd there would be no July MAM as many clubs do not meet in July and August. There *will* be a combined July/August issue sent out in August. Pattie will, however, produce a MACE Journal which will be distributed in the usual manner.

Member Mike Lechkun announced MACE East BBS is now featuring Z-Mag, a popular 8bit public domain computer-based "magazine." The companion magazine (ST Report) is also available on many bulletin boards. Don said MACE WeST was down for several days while the ST was upgraded. The computer is now equipped with 1meg internal RAM and a double-sided drive!

The meeting topic was Word Processing. Pattie demonstrated ST Writer because it fits nicely into the 16bit and 8bit categories due to its similarities to AtariWriter. She then demonstrated Thunder, a spelling checker for ST systems. Ted demonstrated PaperClip for the 8bits. No second-half SIG meetings were held because members voted to watch the Pistons/Lakers game instead.

Don announced the Arcade BBS, run by Sector One Computers, has now been online for six years making it the longest running Atari BBS. Jim Steinbrecher noted the system has had more than 75,000 callers.

Michael Olin, MACE Rec. Sec'y

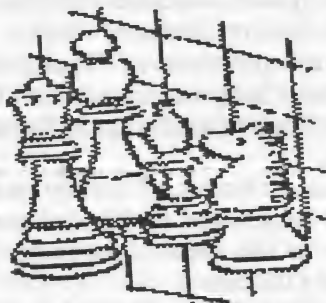
Colossus Chess 3.0

8bit Antic Software Review by Jeff Cross

Unbeatable, undefeatable and invincible are just a few words to describe Colossus Chess. I've always appreciated a good chess game, but I never thought I would enjoy a game that I couldn't beat! It even beat Sargon II, AtariChess and Chess 7.0 at 16 out of 16 games!

It also has the most features of any game I have ever played. Features like two display screens, one to show the board of pieces and the other to display past move records, player names, elapsed time clock (for tournament mode) and information about how Colossus made its decisions, so we can learn to play better.

As for being fast, Colossus thinks through 3000 opening moves in about 3 seconds. In mid-game, it thinks through 450 moves per second.



When the computer has most of your game pieces, you can switch sides -- although it will still win! You can even go back in the game to make different moves or ask Colossus to make a move for you.

Since a good game of chess can take several days to complete, it is possible to save the game at any time. When a game is reloaded, you can replay, on screen, the entire game from the beginning at different speeds.

Everything in Colossus is documented. The only problem is there are only 15 pages of documentation and what is there on the backside of the disk. That's ok if you have a printer or a photographic memory, but it means writer's cramp for anyone else!

The price makes up for it! At about \$12 from local Atari dealers or mail-order, it's a worthy investment. So, if you like chess, look no farther than Colossus Chess 3.0.

Draw the United States Flag

By Joe Russek (reprinted from the June '88 issue of Current Notes)

This one is a bit longer than usual, but after viewing those red and white stripes, followed by the blue rectangle covered with stars, you will appreciate the extra effort you made.

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10 REM Draw the United States Flag
20REM High Resolution 4-Color Graphics
25 REM No text window
30 GRAPHICS 7+16
40 REM Setcolor 0 corresponds to color 1
50 SETCOLOR 0,4,4:RED=1
60 REM Setcolor 1 corresponds to color 2
70 SETCOLOR 1,0,14:WHITE=2
80 REM Setcolor 2 corresponds to color 3
90 BLUE=3:REM Defaults to blue
100 REM Draw 13 Red & White stripes
110 C=RED
120 FOR I=0 TO 12
130 COLOR C
140 REM Each stripe has 6 horizontal lines
150 FOR J=0 TO 6
160 PLOT 0,I*7+J
170 DRAWTO 159,I*7+J
180 NEXT J
200 C=C+1:IF C>WHITE THEN C=RED
210 NEXT I
300 REM Draw blue rectangle
310 COLOR BLUE
320 FOR I=0 TO 48
330 PLOT 0,I
340 DRAWTO 79,I
350 NEXT I
360 REM Draw 9 rows of white stars
370 COLOR WHITE
380 K=0:REM Start with row of 6 stars
390 FOR I=0 TO 8
395 Y=4+I*5
400 FOR J=0 TO 4:REM 5stars in a row
410 X=K+5+J*14:GOSUB 1000
420 NEXT J
430 IF K<>0 THEN K=0:GOTO 470
440 REM Add 6th star every other line
450 X=5+5*14:GOSUB1000
460 K=7
470 NEXT I
500 REM If key hit, then STOP
510 IF PEEK(764)=255 THEN 510
515 REM Open text window w/o clearing screen
520 GRAPHICS 7+32
525 REM Change colors back
530 SETCOLOR 0,4,4:SETCOLOR 1,0,14
1000 REM draw 1 star centered at x,y
1010 PLOT X-1,Y:DRAWTO X+1,Y
1020 PLOT X,Y-1:PLOT X,Y+1
1030 RETURN
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MACE Constitution

Adopted September 15, 1981. Amended on May 17, 1984; July 16, 1985; October 21, 1986 and September 21, 1987.

Purpose of Organization

It shall be the purpose of the Michigan Atari Computer Enthusiasts (hereafter called MACE or the Club) to promote an interexchange of ideas and informatin concerning Atari personal computers.

A: Membership and Dues

There shall be no requirements for membership in MACE other than an active interest in Atari Computers.

The Club, by a (simple) majority vote of those members present at a general membership meeting, may levy upon the entire membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the conduct of the Club's business. Every member must pay these assessments when due, in order to retain all of the rights and privileges of membership in MACE.

Since MACE membership includes all immediate family members, all references to voting in this Constitution allow for ONE vote per membership.

B: Organization and Procedures

Section 1 The Executive Board (EB) shall be the chief administrative body of MACE.

a) Voting EB members shall be:

President
Vice President
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Journal Editor
Meeting Coordinator
8bit Disk Librarian
16bit Disk Librarian
Membership Chairperson
Convention Manager

b) Members ex-officio shall be:

The chairperson of any committee
Members of the previous year's EB

c) Each voting member of the EB shall have one vote. The EB shall determine its own rules and procedures.

Section 2 The EB shall organize, plan and administer Club activities. The EB shall carry out the business of the Club between monthly general membership meetings. Decisions made by the EB can be over-ruled by a (simple) majority vote of those members present at a general membership meeting.

Section 3 The President and/or Treasurer may authorize expenditures of Club money up to \$100 per month. The EB as a whole may authorize individual expenditures of up to \$500 per month. Any expenditures of Club funds above \$500 in any month must be authorized by a majority vote of the membership attending a monthly general meeting. Exceptions to the above rule are the costs of printing and mailing the Journal and the paying of the rental for the general meeting hall.

Section 4 The Club, by a (simple) majority vote of those members present at any general membership meeting, may establish provisional or standing committees to expedite the management of Club activities. Each committee shall determine its own rules of procedure and membership, govern its own affairs and activities, and elect a chairperson and other officials as deemed necessary.

Section 5 All proceedings not covered in this Constitution or bylaws shall be governed by the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order. The EB shall determine all questions of Constitutionality arising within the Club, and interpret all unclear clauses of this Constitution or bylaws and all Club resolutions.

Section 6 Annoucement of a required vote or an election shall be printed in the Journal at least one month prior to the general meeting.

C: Election of Officers

Section 1 Elected officers of MACE shall be:

President
Vice President
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Journal Editor
Meeting Coordinator
8bit Disk Librarian
16bit Disk Librarian
Membership Chairperson
Convention Manager

Section 2 Officers shall be elected for a term of one year by a ballot of those members present at the September general membership meeting. For purposes of these elections, a quorum will be those members present with paid memberships.

Section 3 All MACE officers shall be at least 18 years of age when elected to office. (Officers often sign contracts for MACE, and one must be 18 to do so in Michigan.)

Nominations shall be open to all MACE members. In all elections, winners shall be determined by simple majority. If there is no winner on the first ballot, the name of the candidate

with the least number of votes shall be withdrawn, and a second ballot is taken. This process shall be repeated until one candidate achieves a simple majority of the vote.

Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special election, to be held at the first meeting following the creation of the vacancy (where there is a candidate for the position).

D: Duties of Officers

The President shall preside at all general membership meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce observation of the Constitution and bylaws and perform the customary duties of the office, as stated in the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order.

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President, in the absence of the latter, and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and coordinate inter-committee activities. In addition, the Vice President shall function as Advertising Manager for the Journal.

The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for conducting Club business via the mails. He/She shall carry on all Club correspondence and be responsible for the preparation of documents on the Club's behalf. He/She shall function as chief communications officer, and shall be responsible for picking up and distributing the mail from the Club post office box.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Club. His/Her minutes shall be submitted to the membership for approval at each succeeding general meeting.

The Treasurer shall carry out the Club's financial duties and keep an accurate account of each transaction and of the Club's current financial status, as well as, assist in the process of corporate financial reporting.

The Journal Editor shall be responsible for the production of the monthly newsletter and any other Club publication.

The Meeting Coordinator shall be responsible for seeing that a suitable meeting place is available for the general membership meetings, for planning and organizing the programs for these

meetings, and for seeing that sufficient tables and chairs are available each month.

The 8bit Disk Librarian shall be responsible for maintaining the 8bit public domain disk library and related documentation, as well as, copying and distributing library disks. He/She shall sell these disks to MACE members ONLY.

The 16bit Disk Librarian shall be responsible for maintaining the 16bit public domain disk library and related documentation, as well as, copying and distributing library disks. He/She shall sell these disks to MACE members ONLY.

The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of who the Club's members are, when their memberships expire and other member data. He/She shall also print the mailing labels for each month's general membership meeting.

Convention Manager shall be responsible for coordinating ALL activities necessary for the planning and holding of any MACE sponsored conventions (ie. Taricon). He/She will be chairperson for a Convention SIG what would handle all matters concerning said conventions.

Since MACE does not sponsor such events on a yearly basis, this officer position would only exist after the membership has voted to sponsor the event. The office of Convention Manager would be removed from the EB 60 days following the completion of a convention.

E: Amendment of Constitution

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of 2/3 of the members present at a general membership meeting.

F: Unmentioned Powers

All powers, privileges, rights and duties not otherwise delegate by this Constitution shall be reserved for the general membership of this Club.

G: Officer Compensation

MACE officers shall be compensated by the renewal of their MACE membership during their term of office. When it is time for their membership renewal, their membership will be extended for one additional year at no charge.

Any officer NOT serving a full year will receive free membership equal to the number of months service as an officer.

Reflections of an Officer

Editorial by Don Neff

Where is MAM?

Many computer groups do not meet during the summer because their members neglect their computers to enjoy the warm weather. That's why MAM is not being published this month. Instead, MACE gets to put out our own magazine again for the month of July.

Since this is being sent only to MACE members, I will take this opportunity to address a serious, long-term club problem which shouldn't be handled publicly in MAM. If you've written an article for the MACE Journal this year, demonstrated something at a meeting, or helped set up the meeting room, then please accept my thanks and skip the rest of this article.

Where are the Articles?

Allen Bargaen, Gordon Totty and I have been the only regular MACE contributors to the Michigan Atari Magazine. Since last October, I've been pointing out that you were not writing articles for the MACE Journal. This journal, which you're reading right now, is an example of what the MACE Journal would have become if we had not joined MAM. The great articles we've been reading in MAM are written by member of other clubs -- not MACE!

Where are the Writers?

Look around you at any of the MACE meetings. The people who ran the club and wrote the great articles are GONE. They burned out from carrying your club and your Journal by themselves. The people who made the meetings interesting are gone. The people who wrote the articles are gone. The people who could teach us about our Atari systems are gone. They all left because they felt overworked and unappreciated!

And why not? Did you ever thank them or tell them you liked what they were doing for you? Why didn't you write an article for the MACE Journal or demo a piece of software at a meeting? That would have been one less

chore for them to shoulder, and they may have decided to stay with us.

So, Who's Left?

Just you and I -- a bunch of new users who want help and a new group of burned out officers who are still trying hard.

There are several nice, inexpensive word processor packages available for the Atari computers (I use AtariWriter Plus and ST Writer). Try your hand at writing something for MAM this month, and we'll pay you for it by giving you any disk you want from the MACE libraries. In fact, why not write a short review or explanation for a program you bought from a MACE library?

The editors can't print unless you write. This issue of the MACE Journal is proof of what your inactivity is letting this once-great club become.

MACE Disk Awards

The following MACE members have earned a disk from one of the club's libraries by writing an article for the MACE Journal. If you wish to submit your literary masterpiece (or even just a couple paragraphs!), you can upload it to MACE WeST at (313) 582-0657 or the Treasure CheST at (313) 973-8825. A big thanks to those who have written in the past!

Tom Sturza
Bill Boles
Bill Kane
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Paul Wheeler
Ed Hanson
Mike Olin
Bob Fritz
Allen Bargaen
Kip Kiefer
Bob Retelle
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